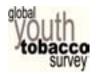
# Uruguay – Montevideo Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



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The Uruguay - Montevideo GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Uruguay could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Uruguay - Montevideo GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 1-3, conducted in 2001. A two-

stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Montevideo. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 96.0%, the student response rate was 85.6%, and the overall response rate was 82.1%. A total of 1849 students participated in the Uruguay- Montevideo GYTS.

#### **Prevalence**

52.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 52.2%, Female = 52.3%)

28.1% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 26.2%, Female = 28.8%)

24.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 20.5%, Female = 26.5%)

10.4% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 13.0%, Female = 7.4%)

23.0% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### **Knowledge and Attitudes**

12.9% think boys and 11.7% think girls who smoke have more friends 13.6% think boys and 10.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

## **Access and Availability - Current Smokers**

18.5% usually smoke at home

67.7% buy cigarettes in a store

77.7% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

#### **Environmental Tobacco Smoke**

64.6% live in homes where others smoke

80.0% are around others who smoke in places outside their home

74.2% think smoking should be banned from public places

65.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them

57.0% have one or more parents who smoke

23.0% have most or all friends who smoke

#### Cessation - Current Smokers

58.7% want to stop smoking

63.6% tried to stop smoking during the past year

68.5% have ever received help to stop smoking

## **Media and Advertising**

84.4% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days

94.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days

87.3% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days

16.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

21.8% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

#### School

36.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking 26.5% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

29.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

## **Highlights**

- 28% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 24% currently smoke cigarettes; 10% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high –
  almost 2 in 3 students live in
  homes where others smoke; 8 in
  10 are exposed to smoke in public
  places; almost 6 in 10 have
  parents who smoke.
- Two-thirds of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 7 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Almost 6 in 10 smokers want to stop.
- 8 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 9 in 10 students saw procigarette ads in the past 30 days.